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We, the undersigned, hereby declare and state as follows:

1. We are inventors of the invention described and claimed in the above-referenced U.S. patent application (the "application").

2. We conceived the invention described and claimed in the application prior to September 3, 1998. More specifically, conception of the invention commenced at least as early as March 1998.

3. We held a number of meetings, beginning in March 1998, wherein we conceived the invention and formulated a table corresponding generally to FIG. 4 of the application. The table was configured for provision of symbol-based control of a terminal endpoint in the manner set forth in at least independent claim 1 of the application.

4. During the summer of 1998, we also met with a Lucent Technologies in-house patent attorney to discuss the patent application process.

5. On or about October 15, 1998, we drafted an invention disclosure document entitled "Patent Submission - Symbolic Control of Terminal Endpoints." A copy of the invention disclosure document is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

6. Work proceeded on the above-noted invention from its conception beginning at least as early as March 1998 until such time as the invention was reduced to practice by filing the application on March 19, 1999.

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7. All statements made herein of our own knowledge are true, and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true.

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